GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Pediatric Hernia
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware of the demand for surgery of pediatric hernia across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action to cut short the long waiting time for this surgery;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (d): Yes, Inguinal hernia is one of the common disorders in childhood. A study that evaluated the incidence of inguinal hernia in almost 80,000 children found that the cumulative incidence of inguinal hernia from birth to 15 years of age was 6.62% in males and 0.74% in females. The incidence is higher in neonates and infants.

The State specific data on occurrence of paediatric hernia is not collected at the central level. Under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram of National Health Mission, the State Health Mission has been given flexibility for providing free surgery to all these children.
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